

REMARKS

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment is requested before examination of the above-captioned application.

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APPENDIX FOR PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, please replace the paragraph beginning "This application ..." with the following paragraph:

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/196,297, entitled "[A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MANAGING VIRTUAL PRIVATE NETWORKS] NETWORK ARCHITECTURE, SYSTEMS, AND METHODS," filed on April 12, 2000, the disclosure of which is expressly incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.